Project have developed improved varieties/hybrids of international level like Suvin, DCH 32, TCHB 213, DHB 105 etc. and package of practices for cultivation of international level quality of cotton in the country. In addition, the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India provides assistance to different State Governments, ICAR and Cotton Corporation of India for production and distribution of quality seed, popularization of plant protection measures such as Integrated Pest Management, supply of bio-agents, sprayers, pheromone traps and water saving devices such as sprinkles and drip irrigation systems.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Rejuvenation of agricultural Sector**

2274. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Commission on Farmers has recommended five point programme for rejuvenation of agricultural sector;

(b) if so, whether Government have prepared any plan of action; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The recommendations of the Commission are presently under consideration of the Government. However, there are several schemes in operation for accelerating the agricultural production and productivity and increase the farmers' income.

**Special package for agrarian crisis**

2275. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has

sought a Rs. 70,000 crore special package from the Centre to deal with the agrarian crisis in the State; and

(b) if so, the details of the package and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a rehabilitation package for Rs. 51856.36 crore for ameliorating the hardship faced by the farmers in 16 identified districts of the State where the incidence of farmers' suicide has been very high, namely, Adilabad, Anantpur, Chittoor, Kadapa, Guntur, Karimnagar, Khammam, Kurnool, Mahabubnagar, Medak, Nellore, Nizamabad, Nalgonda, Prakasam, Ranga Reddy and Warangal. The Package, *inter alia*, contains proposals for credit flow and debt relief to farmers, irrigation facilities, seed replacement and cropping intensity, horticulture development, extension services, and generation of subsidiary income in these identified districts. The Government is finalizing the package submitted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh on the pattern of the package the has been recently announced for the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra.

**Boats for fishery sector**

2276. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received from the Indian fishery sector to help them in buying boats;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken in this regard;

(d) whether it is a fact that stiff conditions have been imposed making the repayment schedule of only four years; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the House.